

## **County of Santa Cruz**

## Sheriff-Coroner

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## Sheriff's Media Release

Date/Time of Incident/Event: 7/14/13 at 8:00 a.m. Location of Incident: 1466 Riverside Drive, Watsonville Case Number: 13-6028 Type of Incident: Disruption of an organized cock fighting ring Suspect(s): None at this time Photo(s) Available: Yes \_\_X\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Description of Incident:

On 7/14/13 at approximately 8:00 a.m., Deputies were given an anonymous tip regarding a possible organized cock fighting ring near the river in the area of 1466 Riverside Drive in Watsonville. As Deputies approached, approximately 60-80 suspects fled the location and left behind approximately 50 game cocks.

A survey of the area showed that amongst the approximately 50 caged game cocks, the suspects had begun to clear the area and construct an arena for the organized cock fighting. Animal control was called to the scene and collected the game cocks. Deputies on scene believed that this was not the first time organized cock fighting has been conducted in this area. Animal Control is conducting the follow up investigation.

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